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SUBJECT: USIS ACTIVITIES SEEMINGLY UNAFFECTED
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1. DESPITE UNCERTAIN POLITICAL SITUATION, USIS
ACTIVITIES SEEM TO BE UNAFFECTED.

2. MANAGEMENT STAG DEREK Siner DREW FULL
HOUSE AT AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTATION
JUNE 17, DATE OF PARTICULARLY VIRULENT ANTI-U.S.
ATTACK IN ELIMA.

3. PAO RECEPTION FOR MANAGEMENT SIMINAR
PARTICIPANTS EVENING OF JUNE 17 DREW BETTER
THAN-AVERAGE TURNOUT OF SOME FORTY NON-OFFICIAL ZAIRIANS. AMBASSADOR
HINTON ALSO ATTENDED. ZAIRIANS SHOWED NO HESITANCY IN
ENTERING INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM.

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4. JUNE 17 SALONGO PUBLISHED
FAVORABLE ARTICLE CONCERNING USIS OFFICER'S LUNCH FOR IV JOURNALISTS
WHO AT LAST MINUTE WERE PREVENTED FROM DEPARTING
JUNE 15 (REFTEL).

5. THREE AGENCY-SUPPLIED FILMS (TWO SCIENCE
REPORTS AND SHORT ON U.S. AID TO HOUSING PROJECTS)
WERE SHOWN OVER WEEKEND.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS HAD
BEEN DESIGNATED BY THEIR COMPANIES SEVERAL WEEKS
EARLIER, WE ASSUME THAT THEY CHECKED
WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES BEFORE ATTENDING
CONFERENCE OR PAO RECEPTION. MOST APPARENTLY
RECEIVED GO-AHEAD. SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED TWO
REPRESENTATIVES OF PARTY YOUTH WING, ALTHOUGH THEY DID
NOT SHOW UP FOR RECEPTION.

7. "MAR OF SUPPORT" FOR PRESIDENT MOBUTU SCHEDULED
FOR 1500 HOURS, JUNE 18N HAS FORCED CANCELLATION OF
SINGER SEMINAR TODAY. SCHEDULED TO RESUME JUNE 19.
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